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1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST STATISTICS FROM THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN, NEW ZEALAND'S POPULATION DURING THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1977 IS PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED TO HAVE INCREASED BY 15,600 OR 0.5 PERCENT, BRINGING THE TOTAL POPULATION TO 3,140,100. FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 1976 THE POPULATION GROWTH WAS 34,700 OR 1.1 PERCENT, AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 1975 58,000 OR 1.9 PERCENT.

2.FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1977 THERE WAS AN ESTIMATED POPULATION DECREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 8,000 RESULTING FROM A NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS) OF 8,100 AND A NET LOSS THROUGH MIGRATION OF 16,100. IN THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1976 THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 4,200 WHILE IN THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1975 THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 9,800.

- 3. THE ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1977 IS 3,120,600.
- 4. THE ABOVE POPULATION FIGURES INCLUDE THE KERMADEC ISLANDS (9) AND CAMPBELL ISLANDS (9) BUT EXCLUDE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE POPULATIONS OF NIUE, TOKELAU AND COOK ISLANDS. SELDEN

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